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**FIRST ANNUAL "ALL SAINTS
MEMORIAL CONCERT"**

November 2, 2008 at 7:30 PM

The Adult Choir of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior will perform great hymns of faith by well-known composers, including Charles Gounod, Orlando Gibbons and Hans Leo Hassler, as well as contemporary composers K. Lee Scott, Tom Fettke and John Rutter - on Nov. 2 beginning at 7:30 PM.

The LCOS Adult Choir will be joined by members of Christ the King in Haddonfield, Oaklyn United Methodist Church, Laurel Springs Presbyterian Church, Moorestown Presbyterian Church and the Haddonfield United Methodist Church Master Chorale for this year's inaugural event.

All Saints Sunday is the day the Church remembers all the baptized saints who have died and gone before us in the faith. What will make this concert unique, and hopefully an annual event, is the funds needed to provide additional musicians for the performance will be made possible by gifts given in memory of loved ones from of Our Savior that are currently in the Unrestricted Memorial Gift Fund.

The funding for special musicians for this year's All Saints Memorial Concert is made possible by gifts given in memory of the following saints of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior who have gone before us in the faith: Clara Balzerait, Madeline Barber, Christopher Boyle, Phyllis Coskey, Carl Criswell, Daniel Devlin, Grace Firth, Elizabeth Gabrielsky, Ruth Gallagher, Maggie Granite, Alton & Marguerite Grenhart, Gladys Hill, Robert Jelonek, Robert Kester, Elsie Kraus, Olga Laubach, Orville Lawrence, Gertrude Maclary, Rebecca Morris, Bill Mueller, John Olsen, Robert & Martha Robinson, George A. Schettler, Cynthia Seifling, George Semler, Ed Vorlander, Ella Wilson, Florence Woll, and Marian Wright.

**EXPLORING GOD'S DREAM
THROUGH PRAYER**

Prayer Workshop, Sat, Nov 1, 9 AM - 1 PM

There will be a variety of ways to experience the joy of prayer:

- A Walt Wangerin presentation on prayer will be shown on DVD
- A Stretch & Pray demonstration of prayer positions
- Famous prayers
- Praying through music and art
- Personally experiencing the Labyrinth (see article on page 7)
- A devotional booklet to take with you
- Books on prayer and meditation will be available for purchase

Register in advance if possible by contacting Connie Wolf. Put "Prayer Workshop" in the subject line of the email.

PHOTO DIRECTORY NEWS

Last minute for photos

LCOS Member Pictorial Directory - By the time you're reading this there will only be a couple days before we will be taking the pictorial directory to the printers.

If we don't have your photo for the directory, you can still submit one.

Email to Monica Ebbenga right away or bring it to the church office ASAP. Thank you.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a faith community that worships Jesus as our Lord, proclaims and shares God's Word, welcomes all people, serves human needs, and nurtures personal and spiritual growth through fellowship all to the glory of God.



FROM THE PASTOR

WHAT'S A HAIRCUT GOT TO DO WITH EVANGELISM? By Pastor Wayne Zschech

Guys, we have it easy. When it comes to getting our hair cut we're happiest when the price (plus tip) is under \$20 and no blood was drawn while trimming around our ears. It's hair. It grows back. However, I've noticed it's not the same for women. Getting your hair "done" can be either a cause for celebration that leaves a woman on a high for days, or it can be so traumatic so as to leave her in tears. Needless to say, when a woman finds a stylist who is able to understand her hairstyle concerns and provide just the right cut that enhances and highlights her features it is as if she has discovered the Holy Grail of haircutting.

So when my wife, Kate, discovered her hair stylist at a nearby salon who cuts and styles her hair so well that everyone takes notice needless to say her search was over. And when others do comment on how great her haircut looks she is eager to share the name of the stylist and salon where she receives such a life enhancing experience. So far, due to her enthusiastic endorsement and invitation for others to check her out, at least seven other women are now getting their hair cut by the same stylist and recommending her to their friends as well. Now that's what I call haircut evangelism, spreading the good news of a good cut to those in need!

Believe it or not, faith evangelism is not much different. It starts by sharing with others those aspects of our faith and church life that give us hope and joy in our lives. We think nothing of sharing with others our joy over a movie we saw, book we read, restaurant we ate at, or hair stylist who finally knows how to cut our hair well. How good are we at doing the same when it comes to sharing an inspiring hymn or anthem sung, a sermon preached, or simply the sense of community experienced while kneeling at the rail with outstretched hands for the Bread of Life offered in Holy Communion.?

I know. We don't want to step on other peoples toes when it comes to talking about our faith. We don't want to risk offending a co-worker, classmate, colleague, friend, or neighbor by sharing our joy of faith experienced in the context of worship, a fellowship event, or in serving the needs of others through a social ministry program. Then again, Jesus didn't say "Pick up your comfy pillow and follow me." He said to pick up a cross, which means to follow Jesus will at times require us to live outside our comfort zone, even it is simply to share the good news we've experienced in Christ. Evangelism begins with an invitation to others in sharing the joy and hope we have come to experience within the faith community we call The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Haddonfield.

One more thing. The woman who cuts my wife's hair didn't just guess what would meet her hair care needs. She took the time to find out what was important to Kate. She listened. She also shared what was realistic with respect to styles that were best suited for her type of hair. The same goes for this congregation. The more the congregation shares their joys and concerns regarding the different aspects of ministry at LCOS the more effectively the good news of the gospel can be proclaimed and lived in and through this place. Let me know what's going well and not so well as you experience it. I'll do my best to listen and address those concerns. In the end, I hope you'll be so excited about the ministry you are a part of and experience that you'll look forward to inviting others to enjoy the same. After all, evangelism begins with an invitation.

CLOSED DOORS Keep Squirrels Outdoors

Jesus may have said, "Let the children come unto me", but he never said anything about squirrels. In the last few years The Lutheran Church of Our Savior has had quite a few squirrels get into the church building with two getting in as recently as October 12. One or both of them were in the organ pipe area as well as running around above the ceiling tiles on the ground floor. Both were caught using the Have A Heart traps and relocated across the Cooper River. Despite this success the presence of squirrels in the church can pose numerous problems as they chew through audio and visual cables, get into the kitchen or make nests in secluded areas.

To reduce the likelihood of squirrels getting into the building the staff and volunteers ask that no one prop doors open for any length of time unless absolutely necessary. Squirrels and chipmunks are not afraid to enter the building through an open door and have been seen doing so. A thorough inspection of the roof area will be made at the time the gutters are cleaned and the steeple will be examined as well to insure no points of entry are available. Thank you for keeping the doors closed as much as possible when you come to Our Savior.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Do you enjoy listening to the choir sing each Sunday? Are there certain hymns or anthems that truly feed your soul? Do you, every so often, break out into song? For instance, while mowing the lawn? doing the dishes? working in your office? or just riding in the car?? Have you ever experienced your own private little hymn-sing by spontaneously singing all your favorite hymns? Have you ever, even once, considered joining a singing group? If you've answered yes to any of these questions, you might just want to consider joining one of the LCOS choirs!

We've got choirs for all ages! From Cherubs to Seniors, we have a choir that just might be right for you...or your children! The cherubs, our youngest singers, are always having such a good time, second only to their Director, Miss Linda! They've been butterflies, fishes, and sunbeams, and they've learned that you can't keep love in a box!

The Children's Choir sings once a month and spends much of the year in anticipation of the Children's Musical each spring! The Musical is always a lesson in learning God's word in ways that they will understand!

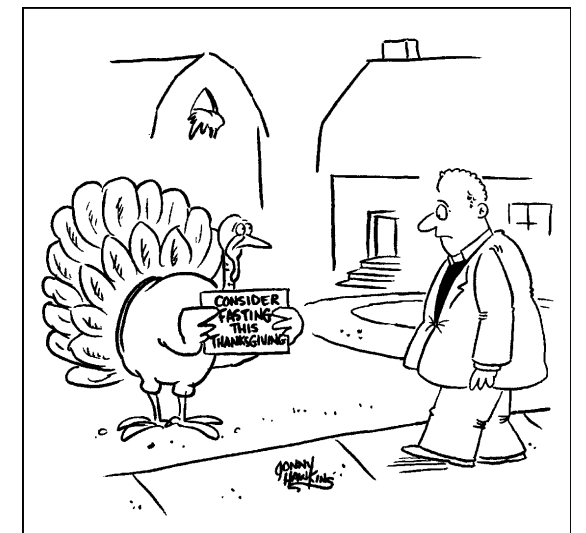
The Youth Choir desires, and achieves, a more contemporary tone with their songs of praise, which often includes instruments and/or lots of clapping!

The Adult Choir, all of whom faithfully sing (and sing faithfully) every Sunday, are not only known for their wonderful voices and great musical talent, but also for their wonderful fellowship life as a group. (Ok, they have great parties!)

There are Bell Choirs as well for all ages, except Cherubs. So, don't be a closet singer or just a doorbell ringer. Come on out and give us a try!

Adult Choirs meet on Thursdays, starting with Bells at 7:00, then singing at 8:00. Youth choir is Wednesday with bells at 7:00 and singing at 7:45. Cherubs and Children are Wednesdays at 4:00.

ATTENTION SENIORS!
SENIOR GAME DAY
NEXT DATE IS:
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, AT NOON
BINGO PINOCHLE BRIDGE ~
COME OUT AND HAVE FUN!
FOOD AND DRINKS (SODA) SERVED
BEST OF ALL . . . IT'S FREE!
RSVP: BETTY KEENE
OR ELEANOR GAINES



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Nursery Provided at 9:15 & 10:30 AM

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- Cathe Bare
- Jack Berrigan, ex-officio
- Paul Clark
- Paul Knauer
- John Laughlin
- Bob Mirabello, ex-officio
- Laura Oakes
- Stacey Shaw
- Elizabeth Woltz
- Wayne Zschech, ex-officio

STAFF AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS

- Wayne Zschech, Senior Pastor
- Glenn A. Englehardt, Associate Pastor
- Monica Ebbenga, Office Administrator
- Cindy Randall, Office Assistant
- Eric Ebbenga, Organist
- Patricia Shaw-Green, Dir. of Music
- Linda Powell Cherub Choir
- Bob Knight, Custodian
- Jeff Gross, Night Lockup
- Shirley Bramble, Nursery Care
- Beth Hill, Altar Guild
- Bonnie Richards, Sunday School Supt.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Altar Guild: Ingrid Hager, Julie Frederick, Beth Hill
Counters: Guenter & Christine Kuehl, Bob & Stephan Schwalenberg, Kathy Simpkins

November 2

Coffee Hour: Church Council
Readers: 8-B. Wilson **10:30-**Charles Coleman
Communion Assistants: **10:30-**Bill Cowan, Charles Coleman
Ushers: 8-Linda & Kristine Monsen **10:30-**John & Kayann Lauglin
Acolytes: 8-Rob LeBarge, Shelby Cain, Samantha Prepsel
1030-Emily Donovan, Jon Maniaci, Nick Heinze, Andrew Shaw, Daniel Leverick

November 9

Coffee Hour: Social Ministry
Readers: 8-C. Monsen **10:30-** W. Haswell
Ushers: 8-TBD **10:30-**John & Kayann Lauglin
Acolytes: 8-Rob LeBarge, Joseph Kiernan, Stephen Woltz
10:30-Rebecca Windle, John Finnerrty, Jackie Stillwell, Sarah Swan, Chris Heinze

November 16

Coffee Hour: Fellowship Development
Readers: 8-T. Weber **10:30-**E. Wisser
Ushers: 8-Linda & Kristine Monsen **10:30-**John & Kayann Lauglin
Acolytes: 8-Rob LeBarge, Jeffrey Proko, Alez Fabian
10:30-Noelle & Ethan Quanci, Melissa Olt, Steven Peterson, Klye Carpenter

November 23

Coffee Hour: Worship & Music
Readers: 8-L. Oakes **10:30-**K. Meyer
Ushers: 8-Linda & Kristine Monsen **10:30-**John & Kayann Lauglin
Acolytes: 8-Rob LeBarge, Brie Zschech, Morgan Sehdev
10:30-Kelly & Holly Harrington, Melissa Olt, Michael McLaughlin, Bobby Jelonek

November 30

Coffee Hour: Evangelism Committee
Readers: 8-B. Neveling **10:30-**C. Bogina
Ushers: 8-Linda & Kristine Monsen **10:30-**John & Kayann Lauglin
Acolytes: 8-Rob LeBarge, Jeffrey Proko, Joseph Kiernan
10:30-Alison & Brian Gensel, Hayden Remphrey, Andrew Vitale, Sam Lyons



NOVEMBER

- Sat 1 Prayer Retreat, 9:00 AM
- Sun 2 **Worship 8 & 10:30 AM Reflections, 9:15 AM All Saints Memorial Concert, 7:30 PM**
- Mon 3 Prayer Group, 7 PM; Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 PM
- Tues 4 General Election, 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Social Ministry, 7 PM
Executive Committee, 7:30 PM
- Wed 5 Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Children's Bell Choir, 3:45 PM
Tai Chi, 4 PM
Choir: Children's 4:15 PM; Cherb 4:30 PM
Youth Bells, 7 PM; Youth Choir, 8 PM
- Thurs 6 Working Arm, 9:30 AM; Mothers Group, 10:00 AM
Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
- Sun 9 **Worship 8 & 10:30 AM Reflections, 9:15 AM Confirmation Huddle, 6 PM**
- Mon 10 Prayer Group, 7 PM; Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 PM
- Tues 11 Church Council, 7:30 PM
- Wed 12 Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Children's Bells, 3:45 PM
Tai Chi, 4 PM
Choir: Children's, 4:15 PM; Cherub, 4:30 PM
Youth Bells, 7 PM; Youth Choir, 8 PM
- Thurs 13 Mothers Group, 10 AM
Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
- Sun 16 **Worship 8 & 10:30 AM Reflections, 9:15 AM Confirmation Class, 6 PM**
- Mon 17 Faith Circle, 12 PM
Prayer Group, 7 PM; Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 PM
- Tues 19 Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Children's Bells, 3:45 PM
Tai Chi, 4 PM
Choir: Children's 4:15 PM, Cherub 4:30 PM
Children's Church, 7 PM
Youth Bells, 7 PM; Youth Choir, 8 PM
- Thurs 20 Mothers Group, 10 AM
Adult Bells, 7 PM; Adult Choir, 8 PM
- Sun 23 **Worship 8 & 10:30, Reflections 9:15 AM Confirmation Play/Serve, 6 PM**
- Mon 24 Prayer Group, 7 PM
- Tues 25 Senior Game Day, 12 PM
- Wed 26 Tai Chi, 4 PM
Thanksgiving Service at Christ the King, 7:30 PM
- Thurs 27 Thanksgiving Day, Church Office Closed
- Fri 28 Church Office Closed
- Sun 30 **Worship 8 & 10:30, Reflections 9:15 AM Confirmation Learn, 6 PM**

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MT. PISGAH A.M.E. CONSTRUCTION AT A STANDSTILL

The body of Christ has many members. In the town of Haddonfield there are eleven Christian member congregations of that body. And since the summer of 2007 one of them has been working to gather again on the site that was their home for over 100 years. It was then that a fire broke out at Greater Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church on the first day of some much needed building renovations. It shut down traffic in and out of town on Haddonfield-Berlin Road for hours. But it has not stopped the ministry of this historic church and its congregation.

Pastor Mark-Anthony Rassmann, Sr. was quickly approached by clergy in town to offer worship space and the congregation has since worshiped in the auditorium of Grace Episcopal Church each and every Sunday. When the damage was assessed officials indicated the original building, while not destroyed by the fire, had no pilings, footers, or foundation on which it stood. Any construction efforts would have to address these issues, and the option to raze and rebuild was determined to be the most economical and rational.

Thus began the rebuilding of Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. in Haddonfield. Due to the initial generosity of congregations like Our Savior and other businesses and individuals as well as the congregation members themselves the initial costs of razing and rebuilding were able to begin last year. A foundation was poured. Footers were set in place. The steel went up. And last month on October 14 at a special worship celebration the original steeple was put back in place.

Unfortunately, that is where construction will come to a standstill. Due to a disagreement between the insurance agency, the roofer, and the congregation the insurance funds expected to be available to complete the rebuilding are being withheld pending litigation. Until that time, the church building will remain a shell without siding to protect the walls against the winter elements. The Haddonfield Council of Churches met in September to discuss the issue and plan to make their congregations and the community aware of this issue. Some inquiry was made as to whether the HCC member congregations could either donate and/or create a fundraising event to assist in raising the necessary funds to install the siding before winter.

At this time no decision has been made, but the congregation council of Our Savior has voiced their commitment to assisting in any way this congregation is able to do so and has forwarded the concern to the Memorial Gift Board for further exploration.

Until the issue is resolved between the congregation and the insurance company the members of Greater Mt. Pisgah will continue to worship at Grace Episcopal Church, and pray for support of the other members of Christ's body in their time of diaspora.

“DINNER & A MOVIE” Planned for Senior High Youth in November

During the month of November the Senior High Youth Group will gather on the second and fourth Sunday nights from 7:00-8:30 for a movie night and preparing a dinner respectively.

November 9: “The Breakfast Club” will be shown in the Youth Room under the theme of “Student Body vs. The Body of Christ”. WARNING: This movie is unedited and contains foul language, but deals with real issues of growing up as a teenager. By showing this movie Pastor Wayne Zschech, the advisors, and the church are not promoting the use of such language. A brief devotion from the book of Romans will precede and follow the showing of the movie.

November 23: Prepare a My Father's House dinner for the fourteen girls in court mandated counseling that occurs on Tuesday, November 25. Youth will meet in the kitchen to prepare the main entrée, salad and dessert for the girls with extra going to feed the teenage boys who come in for counseling after the girls leave. Suggestions for what to make are welcome and should be shared with Kim Anderson, Hans Underwood, or Pastor Wayne Zschech no later than the week prior.

ADVENT GIVING TREE Be an Angel, Take a Tag!

Beginning Sunday, November 23, the Advent Giving Treewill be set up in the second floor Narthex outside the sanctuaryentrance again this year to help bring some Christmas joy to people in need in our area.

- If you would like to participate in the Giving Tree,
- 1) take a tag from the tree,
 - 2) sign the sheet next to the tree,
 - 3) purchase the item on the tag (limit each gift to \$25),
 - 4) return the gift wrapped with the tag attached.

Monetary donations are also appreciated in order to purchase gifts for tags that are not taken.

Organizations that benefit from your generosity include My Father's House, Urban Promise, Caring Hearts, and our LCOS pantry families.

The Advent Tree tags will be available for three consecutive Sundays, November 23, November 30, and December 7. Gifts must be returned no later than Sunday, December 14.

If you have any questions, please call Larry Friant. Thanks for your help!

BULLETIN BOARDS GET A “FAITH”-LIFT

Most community bulletin boards around town and on college or school campuses look more like an example of decoupage gone badly. How can anyone truly find what's going on let alone read it easily? At times, the bulletin boards at Our Savior have looked quite similar to these unruly communication tools. When it comes to church bulletin boards, they might be more effective looking more like billboards than bulletin boards.

Hence the new look of the ones hallway near the Parish Hall on the ground floor. Each board still focuses on a different aspect of ministry that relates to our mission statement. The Focused Fellowship Board as well as the Theme Events of the Confirmation Ministry board and Faith Formation section of the Youth Group board focuses on how as a faith community, Our Savior “proclaims and shares Gods' Word.” The Fellowship Together board, as well as the “Fellowship and Fun” sections of the youth boards, reflects how we “nurture personal and spiritual growth through fellowship.” Finally the Social Ministry board and the “Service & Outreach” sections of the youth boards indicate how we “welcome all people,” and “serve human needs.”

Hopefully the congregation will find these format changes to the board easier to identify what ministry and events are coming up in the current and following months in order to be better informed and plan to participate or attend. Be sure to check them out as they will be changed frequently.

OVERCOME UNEXPECTED CASH FLOW CRISES

Covering for life's little emergencies

If you own a home or a car you'll eventually have an emergency repair staring you in the face. Covering for life's little financial emergencies should not be stressful and worrisome – especially if you have a savings account that you can tap into to cover unexpected expenses. Avoid relying on credit for unexpected expenses by saving a percentage of income each month. Many professionals suggest putting aside 10 percent before anything else comes out of the paycheck. If you can't leave it untouched in your general checking account, set up an “emergency” account just for this purpose. Saving takes discipline, but if disaster strikes, as it will, you won't have to finance it at a high cost.

This information is presented as a public service by financial representative for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans George c Welker, FIC. For more information call George at 856-546-0500.

USHERS NEEDED

Over the course of the past several years our usher core of volunteers has greatly diminished for various reasons. If anyone would like more information and/or be interested in volunteering to usher just a few hours per year please call Eric Woltz. An usher's tasks are very simple and easy to carry out. We are rapidly approaching the Christmas Season, currently we do not have enough ushers to cover the four Christmas Eve services and could use your help. If you are currently an usher and could cover either the 5:00 or 9:00 services please call Eric Woltz as soon as possible. If you have or have not been an usher in the past and would like to help with Christmas Eve please call Eric Woltz as well. Thank you!

TRAINING PROGRAM LEADS TO INCREASED OFFICE EFFICIENCY

In late September, Office Administrator, Monica Ebbenga and Office Assistant, Cindy Randall, spent several days out of the office attending a Shepherd's Staff training program in King of Prussia. Shepherd's Staff is our church database program. This training was an excellent resource for the church office as Monica and Cindy learned some powerful features of the program that will increase efficiency.

Knowledge gained from this training has already been instrumental in helping to create our upcoming Pictorial Directory. Other benefits to the church include more detailed reporting for ministry leaders and streamlining our communication abilities with church members.

Of course, our most important goal with Shepherd's Staff is to have accurate membership records. Please help by contacting the church office to let us know about any changes that should be made to your membership records. Thank you!

NOVEMBER SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

By Betsy Kuehn

PACK-A-SACK - Thank you to all who donated school supplies for the Pack-A-Sack collection this summer. 23 backpacks were filled with school supplies. The supplies were distributed to homeless children in grades pre-k thru 5th grade in South Jersey through the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC). Collection boxes will be available in Sunday School classrooms throughout this coming Sunday School year to begin collecting for next year. A different item will be collected each month. We plan to fill backpacks again next August.

DEODORANT & SOCKS COLLECTION FOR CARING HEARTS - Thank you to all who donated socks and deodorant for the Caring Hearts Fall Give-A-Way in October. Caring Hearts Ministries is an organization that helps children and their families that are affected by AIDS. The Caring Hearts Holiday Party is Friday, December 12.

MY FATHER'S HOUSE - Thank you to all who prepare meals each week for the 14 girls at My Father's House. Meals have been scheduled thru the end of the year. Contact Jan Amme or Maureen Bell if interested in preparing a meal.

PANTRY NEEDS

Help is needed to deliver food for our Pantry families. We currently serve 11 families. Sign up sheet is outside the Pantry. Contact Nancy Gulick and Charlie Coleman.

LCOS CARE PACKAGES (Eva Shaw) – Boxes for the care packages were available beginning Sunday 10/5 in the Narthex. Please return unsealed boxes to Parish Hall by Sunday 11/2. Social Ministry plans to send out care packages to LCOS college students & military personnel in early November, and again in late winter. Please send names, addresses, & e-mails of college students or military personnel to Eva Shaw.

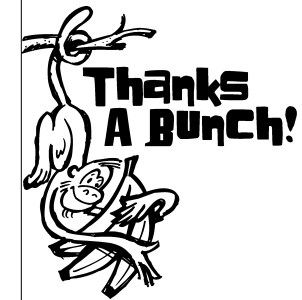
HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE BEGINS NOVEMBER 2nd – Donation envelopes and bags will be available beginning 11/2, also 11/9, 11/16. The deadline to return bags is 11/23. We have requested \$800 in matching funds from Thrivent.

ADVENT GIVING TREE BEGINS NOVEMBER 23rd – The Advent Giving Tree will be in the Narthex beginning 11/23, also 11/30, 12/7. The deadline to return gifts is 12/14, as committee members will be organizing gifts in Parish Hall. Return gifts for Caring Hearts by 12/7. To participate in the Giving Tree: 1) take a tag from the tree, 2) sign the sheet next to the tree, 3) purchase item on the tag(limit about \$25), and 4) return the wrapped gift with the tag attached.

Monetary donations are also appreciated in order to purchase gifts for tags that are not taken. Contact Larry Friant if any questions.

Meeting dates: We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Fall meeting dates are 11/4, and 12/2. If anyone is interested in being part of our committee, please contact Betsy Kuehn.

Thanks to the following people for helping with the panty in September: **Carol & Ben Beahm, Joan Candia, Danielle Deery, Juhan Runne, Ethan Roncace, Eva Shaw, and Seniors and other congregation members** for donating canned goods.



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Thanks to **all who cook meals** for My Father's House each Tuesday.

Messenger helpers: **Lynn Boyle, Louise Mowrer, Jane Evans, Sue**

Windle, and Betty Keene.

Office Helpers: **Sue Underwood, Jane Evans, Ward Laubach, Jaime Fallon, Arlene Stolarick.**

IN HARM'S WAY

Lt. John L. Gaines, aboard USS Vicksburg
SFC Donald Brandinelli, serving in Iraq,
Colonel Richard Howley, serving in Iraq,
PFC Jonathan Keck, serving in Iraq,
Michael Miano, stationed in Nepal.

Keep all who serve our country and preserve our freedoms in your prayers!



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Stop by to check the calendar, read the *Messenger* or just find out a little bit more about us!

FACES OF LCOS - THE COWAN'S

Bill Cowan and his wife Pam moved to Haddonfield in 1983, and one year later, joined Our Savior. As a public relations professional, Bill was familiar with the advancements of the electronic age,

"I was not a production person or a technical person," Bill said, "but we used a lot of video in what we did and knew how it helped our company. "When I joined Our Savior, Martha Ostertag operated the audio ministry and I got involved and tried to help out. At that time, we made just one tape and drove it around – taking it from one member, then to the next member."

The audio ministry was organized by Martha to give members of the congregation who were shut-in the opportunity to experience the worship service – the prayers, the hymns, and the sermon – at home.

"We moved from just audio to video with the vision of George Hager and Pastor Dunkle, and we had a seminarian whose project was video production and that kind of started it off," Bill Cowan said. "We toured other churches with the intent having video production (at Our Savior) and we bought equipment in 1997 and added some editing equipment. Martha kept it going and worked on it even after we went to video. She was a wonderful liaison and coordinator. Before we installed the video equipment, we replaced the audio equipment – purchased wireless microphones, and then recently Bob Ely made some high-grade improvements. The original upgrade to the audio system was purchased by the Memorial Gifts Board. The cameras were expensive - at the time – when we purchased them. We bought three and wanted them to be inconspicuous. Two are mounted in the sanctuary and one above the altar near the organ pipes. We can operate all three cameras and the microphone recording levels from the video room in the basement next to the three-year-old Sunday Church School class. We now have a high-speed DVD duplicator and can make eight copies in about five minutes. We have six members who get the DVD and we still have a few who get the service on cassette. We record both formats."

There are seven people who work on the system, recording the services and keeping the system maintained – Pat Reiter, Robbie Reiter, Greg Gitzes, Bob Heinze, Ethan Quanci, Bob Ely and Bill Cowan. The late Sunday worship service each Sunday, baptisms, weddings and special events, including the Christmas pageant, are recorded. The most difficult or time-consuming part of the ministry, according to Bill Cowan who now lives in Cherry Hill, is delivering the videos after the worship service.

"We could probably use more help delivering the tapes," Bill said. "We mail one to a former member who lives in Lancaster, PA but the rest we drive around. It's not too much of a problem right now, but if we get more requests, we are going to need more assistance delivering them. We have never had more than seven or eight tapes to deliver at one time, but over the years, I guess we have had 40-50 members who have been served by the audio/video ministry. It is of great value, in that, in 20-25 years from now, members will appreciate the DVDs of their own baptisms. Some members ask for copies of services and think it is a lot of work for us but, on the contrary, it is easy. We would love to have more members ask for copies. We would only need help with distribution.

"The only ongoing expense is purchasing the DVDs – about \$150-\$250 a year. We've used money from weddings for some upgrades. It serves its purpose. We get feedback – nice letters – from the regular recipients. I know they are very appreciative to get the tapes. It makes it all worthwhile."

STUDENT NEEDS A RIDE Princeton-area students or workers:

Part-time Mercer County Community day student is in need of a ride to and/or from campus. Most willing to assume your gas expenses in exchange for transportation.

Please call Karin LaBarge if you can help. Thanks.

CONGREGATIONAL ADVENT EVENT

Sunday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 PM

A special multi-generational service will mark the celebration of Advent. Pastor Englehardt will lead a Family Vesper Service followed by a Pot Luck Dinner and an ornament craft for the kids.

(Check the Church Library for recipe books on Church Potluck Meals.)

TAI CHI CONTINUES

Wednesdays from 4-5 PM

This ancient art, led by Martial Arts Instructor Jack Poupard, meets in the Parish Hall. Come and observe, then learn the simple to master yet effective movements of this valuable exercise program. We are also considering again the possibility of a class at night (Friday or Thursday at 7 PM); talk to Pastor Englehardt if interested.

ENGAGING A LEGACY OF MISSION

81 years ago there were 46 people who became the charter members of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior. That small group who began worship in a store on Haddon Avenue understood they had been sent by Christ to participate in the mission of the Church. They accepted Christ's call to make disciples by baptism and teaching a faith in a risen Christ and grew to become the largest in the synod at one time and today remain one of the most vibrant in the New Jersey Synod. And in a time when ELCA Bishop Mark Hanson challenges congregations to decide "whether we are going to be a *settled church* or a *sent church*; a church lodged in its own stuff or a church leaping off of its gospel-foundation into the world" this is one congregation whose legacy will continue to be one of mission and being sent.

Last year our annual stewardship emphasis focused on this congregation's legacy of faith that has been shared from one generation to the next. This year our emphasis and theme will be the congregation's Legacy of Mission: Sent to Follow Christ for the Sake of the World. Each week in worship you will hear about the various mission stories this congregation has participated in over the years and looks forward to expanding upon in the coming year. Members will be invited to share in that Spirit-driven mission and ministry as the leadership prepares a financial plan for ministry in 2009 that includes the congregation's Estimate of Giving response that will be received in worship on Sunday, November 23. By now many members will have received their information packets and are encouraged to prayerfully consider how they will give of their first fruits in proportion to what God has provided toward God's work in the world through the mission and ministry of Our Savior. Please note that high school and college students who wish to register an estimate of giving for 2009 may request one from the church office or pick one up from the usher tables.

The 46 charter members who signed the congregation constitution on October 30, 1927 did more than create another Lutheran church. They began a legacy of mission in Haddonfield and beyond of God's promise of hope and gift of grace that is offered to all people. You are invited to participate in the ongoing legacy of mission that has grown this congregation thus far and will bless it long into the future as you prayerfully consider how you will give of your time, talent, and treasure in 2009. We are not a settled church. We are a sent congregation in the mission of Christ.

THANKSGIVING EVE COMMUNITY WORSHIP AT CHRIST THE KING Nov 26 @ 7:00 PM

The Haddonfield Council of Churches will again host its annual Thanksgiving Eve Community Ecumenical Worship held this year at Christ the King Roman Catholic Church located on the corner of Wood Lane and Hopkins Avenue. The worship begins at 7:00 and will be lead by worship leaders and representatives from the various member congregations in Haddonfield. Parking is limited so if able please leave the spaces in the parking lot for those attending who may have issues walking greater distances. For more information please contact Pastor Wayne Zschech (429-5122) or the church office (info@oursaviorhaddonfield.org).

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

LCOS once again will be collecting food and monetary donations which includes 'turkey coupons' from the supermarkets. You can help in several ways- by picking up a bag at church and filling it with non-perishables listed on the bags and/or whatever non-perishables you feel would be appropriate, contribute a turkey or other Thanksgiving meat, etc. *All cash donations will be matched by Thrivent Financial, dollar for dollar, up to \$800.* Please make checks payable to LCOS, indicate it is for Holiday Food Drive.

Bags will be available beginning Sunday November 2nd. Please return bags by November 23rd. They will be delivered Monday November 24th.

Also a coupon box will be available on the table under the announcement board inside the Wayne Avenue entrance outside the kitchen. This will be for grocery receipts for free turkeys. If you know someone in need, please let us know. We will be sharing our goodies with local persons, New Visions in Camden, and Pantry families. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Any questions can be directed to Betsy Kuehn.



INSIDE ISLAM

A focused fellowship class on Sundays in November from 9:15 – 10:00 AM, meeting in Room 112. A visual look (via DVD) at this major world religion, with discussion led by Pastor Englehardt, whose oldest daughter Krista and her husband Malik are both Muslim. The name Islam comes from the word for peace, yet to many Westerners it is synonymous with terror. Help to lift the veil of mystery surrounding this misunderstood faith. Trace its roots back to the Old Testament and discover how the Five Pillars, the religion's central tenets, helped spread Islam around the world. Find out what the Qu'ran says about war, violence, and suicide, and how these words have been co-opted by extremists. Hear from experts who debate the challenges facing Islam today, including a crisis of authority and deep division among many sects.

~Pastor Englehardt

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Monica Ebbenga 9 AM - 2 PM

Cindy Randall 12 - 5 PM

One calling the church office between these hours can generally expect to reach a church staff person to talk to.

AUGSBURG FORTRESS BOOK SALE

November 2, 9, and 16, 9:00-10:30 AM

Find a book to enhance your spiritual journey or buy a Christmas gift for the person who has everything! We will be holding a book sale in the Parish Hall on . Books will also be for sale during the Prayer Workshop on Nov. 1. Books will be delivered by the beginning of December, in plenty of time for Christmas giving.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

The Book of Romans

The Bible study on Romans continues on Monday nights at 7:30 PM and Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM; even if you haven't been able to attend so far, each week's text stands on its own and raises challenging questions for discussion, such as "What connections do you see between Judaism and your faith? When have you been tempted to let the unbelief of others influence your understanding of God? Why have Christians over the centuries failed to witness to God's love?" Join us any Monday night or Wednesday morning through November 24, except Monday night, November 10.

COUNTERING PHARAOH'S PRODUCTION-CONSUMPTION SOCIETY TODAY

Focused Fellowship Oct 12 - Nov 9

Countering Pharaoh shows how all of God's people – from Israelites fleeing Pharaoh's Egypt and slavery to today's Christians battling consumerism – struggle with the temptation to hang onto the status quo and the things that enslave us rather than step out of our comfort zone and claim God's promise of freedom from sin and bondage.

Join us Sundays at 9:15 AM in the Parlor: October 12, 19, 26, November 2, and 9.

Coming in November - December: Tex Mix, stories of earthly mysticism with Tex Sample.

For more information, contact Monica Ebbenga.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Join us this Fall!

If you have not yet experienced this fun and meaningful worship experience for young children (through age 6 or 7), now is the time! So grab your pencil and your calendar and reserve these dates:

Wednesday, November 19, 7:00-7:30PM

Wednesday, December 17, 7:00-7:30PM

We hope to see you soon!



TREASURER'S OUTLOOK

by Jack Berrigan

Contributions for September were \$35,127, bringing our total income to \$339,309 which is \$4,131 behind the projected income for the first three quarters. Expenses for the first three quarters are within \$81 of our target of \$333,228. The appearance of a \$6,081 buffer (\$339,309-\$333,228) is misleading because these funds will be absorbed by the additional expense of an assistant office secretary for the remainder of the year.

Although the extraordinary generosity of our Congregation and prudent management of expenses have enabled us to balance our budget for the first three quarters, it is clear that the final quarter will be a challenge!

Normally, we receive a third of our income and incur a third of our expense in the final quarter of the year. For instance, the Social Ministry is budgeted to spend three quarters of its budget in the next three months on a series of traditional benevolence projects including Working Arm and Caring Hearts, while the Congregation is scheduled to make its largest benevolence contribution of the year to help the Synod support growing numbers of people who are less fortunate.

But, these are not normal times. More of us will feel economic stress and yet, even more people will need our help. Is our Congregation up to the challenge of these times? If the past is a predictor, and I believe it is, those members of our Congregation who are able, will step up their contributions to ensure our ministries meet the growing need of the less fortunate.

SPLASH CD'S AVAILABLE FOR 13-36 MONTH OLDS

When an infant is baptized at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior one of the gifts the family receives is participation in the "Splash" cradle roll ministry. At their child's baptism, parents promise to raise their child in the Christian faith, to be the primary participants in their child's faith formation. The Splash ministry is a helpful resource to parents in keeping that promise with monthly newsletters sent to parents that correlate to their child's monthly age from their birth date. In addition, a Splash CD of Christian songs and lullabies for parents to play for and maybe sing to their son or daughter is also available for children 0-12, 13-24, 25-36 months old.

While the first CD is often given on the day of a child's baptism the method of distributing the second and third CDs has not been coordinated until now. If your child has celebrated their 1st or 2nd birthday in the last 4-8 months and you would like the respective CD please contact the church office (429-5122 or info@oursaviorhaddonfield.org) to let staff know and one will be mailed or delivered to you, or you can simply see Pastor Wayne Zschech on Sunday and let him know. Many thanks go out to Jennifer McGarry who has coordinated this ministry for over ten years and was instrumental in the change to "Splash".

THE LABYRINTH: A PERSONAL JOURNEY

October 27 - November 4

The labyrinth, an ancient symbol of transformation and renewal, is a meditative, multimedia walk with activities along the way that help you to focus on your own personal spiritual journey.

The CD-guided walk takes about one hour. Meditations, background music and instructions are on a CD, which you listen to on headphones while carrying a personal CD player provided by the Labyrinth Team.

The modern labyrinth in **The Labyrinth: A Personal Journey** has roots that stretch back thousands of years. Labyrinth designs are found all around the world in many cultures and civilizations. They are found carved into rock, mosaics, manuscripts, hedges and cathedral pavements.

The Romans adapted the ancient labyrinth symbol as a decorative floor pattern, and Christian artists of early medieval times developed the Roman pattern into a new and beautiful form, which was used as a feature in many medieval cathedrals, the most famous of these is the labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in northern France.

Medieval pilgrims walked labyrinths on the eve of their baptism or confirmation, *as an aid to contemplative prayer during Holy Week*, and as an illustration of the life of Christ.

In recent years, labyrinths have reemerged as a Christian spiritual tool, thanks in large part to the popularity of the labyrinths at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. Labyrinths can be found in many churches, hospitals and wellness centers, where they are appreciated for their meditative, healing power.